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FOLLOWING REPEAT FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY LISBON PORTUGAL 6052
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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN GUIDANCE REFTEL.

2. IN EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO START THE
CLOCK TICKING NEEDLESSLY OR PRECIPITOUSLY IN THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE (PARA 3 REFTEL). FYI - PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES REMAINS
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CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES, AS HE HAS BEEN

SINCE APRIL 1974 COUP. AT PRESENT, THE POSITION OF DEFENSE
MINISTER IS UNFILLED WITHIN THE CABINET. HOWEVER, PRIME
MINISTER ADMIRAL PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO HAS JUST BEEN GIVEN A
WATCHING BRIEF OVER THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. THIS IS LARGEY PRO
FORMA, SINCE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND MINISTERS HAVE HAD NO INFLUENCE
IN PORTUGUESE POWER STRUCTURE SINCE COUP. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES
HAS NEVER ACTED AS DEFENSE MINISTER SINCE 1974 COUP.
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